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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Coordsen and members of the body. I'm...I believe in state fairs. I believe in county fairs. I think it's an institution that has been with us for generations. And those people that work not only at the State Fair but those that work at the county fairs are tireless workers. They're paid nothing. They work four, five days out of the year. They're elected to the county Fair Board and all they do is...is work for those few days, but...but it's something that they really enjoy doing and it's a tradition and it's usually passed on from one generation to the other. And the State Fair is that way also. I see Senator Vrtiska out there every time I go to the State Fair, I don't know how many years. He's almost an institution out there. We had the opportunity here a few weeks ago to revitalize that fairgrounds and we passed that up. Right now, there are horse races going on, I believe, at the State Fair as we speak. Am I right, Senator Vrtiska? Just nod your head. I believe there are races going on there now. If not, they will be in a few weeks. Anyway, if we would have got slot machines at those racetracks, let me tell you something, you wouldn't be here worrying about whether the buildings are falling down. That would have revitalized that industry. With that, thank you for the time. That was just a few things that I wanted to say and I will be supporting committee amendments. Thank you. Senator Wickersham, I'd give you the rest of my time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wickersham, you have three minutes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I want to be brief. I do support the committee amendments to Senator Wehrbein's bill. We are undergoing change at the State Fair operations. I think that the bill is appropriate in light of the kinds of changes that we're...we're going through. The size of board that we would have if this bill passes is appropriate for the organization. The board that we have now of 29 persons is not able to effectively meet and make decisions as a board. Much of the authority has been necessarily delegated to an Exec Board. I don't have any complaints about that, but the kind of board that we would create with this amendment can work effectively as in the aggregate to manage the State Fair. All